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## Grim Hungjiao Battle

Shanghai, May 18.—Nationalist and Communist forces were locked in a grim, all-out battle this morning for Hungjiao airfield on the western outskirts of Shanghai after a furious artillery duel which kept the 6,000,000 residents of the city awake and on tenterhooks throughout the night.

Chinese Air Force planes roared over the city throughout the night as they shuffled between their bases on the northern outskirts and combat zone in support of Nationalist ground forces.

Many foreigners living near the threatened area began moving into the centre of the city this morning.

It was announced today that the headquarters in Geneva of the International Red Cross has sent a communication to both parties in the present warfare saying that humanitarian motives it is prepared within the limited scope of its activities to assist in any form of relief operations which would benefit the civilian population.

"It is taken for granted that the opposing parties agree to respect the Red Cross emblem and would afford protection and support to delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross," the Geneva Communication said.—Reuter.

## Portuguese Evacuees Here

Portuguese nationals evacuated by air from Shanghai under Portuguese Government auspices arrived in Hongkong this morning.

The party numbers 129 and consists of women and children, and aged and sick. They spent last night in Canton, and took off for Hongkong early today.

The evacuees are sailing for Macao by the Kwangtung this afternoon. The Macao Government has made arrangements for their reception and accommodation.

# NATIONALIST AIR FORCE STRIKES HARD

## Saves Strongpoint Near Woosung

## REDS' MARCH TO THE SOUTH UNOPPOSED

Shanghai, May 17.—A Nationalist Air Force communique today claimed that Nationalist bombers sank 50 Communist boats in the White Dragon harbour, southeast of Chuangsha, in a raid on Monday night. The Air Force also reported that 1,000 Communists were killed in the raid on forces attacking Liuhang, Nationalist strongpoint west of the Woosung forts. The air attack was reported to have saved Liuhang from capture. Five hundred Reds were reported to have been killed by government bombers attacking west of Chinlu, where the Communists were within four miles of the Shanghai city limits.

Central News also reported that the Communist forces north of Hungjiao airfield, four miles from the city's southwestern limits, have been beaten off in bitter fighting and were regrouping.

On other Chinese fronts, the Communist radio claimed that the Red troops completed the occupation of Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang—cities about 400 miles west of Shanghai. Local military leaders admitted that the Communists have not yet thrown all their available reserves into the Shanghai attack.

Chang Tai-chang, spokesman for the Shanghai Garrison, estimated that the Reds have six armies massed for a possible battle here. So far, only part of the total force has been brought into action, Chang said. The spokesman declared that a long, hard battle lay ahead of the Communists if they attempt to take Shanghai by storm. He said the city's defences are "33 percent stronger than those of Stalin."

General Chou Ni-shing, deputy Garrison Commander, also claimed that Shanghai's defences were "impregnable" and that the city had enough supplies which would make long-term resistance possible.

Chang and Chou were the latest of a group of local military leaders to promise last-ditch defence of Shanghai, but most of the city's residents continued to doubt that there would be any heavy fighting in the overcrowded central districts.—United Press.

## ATTACKS RENEWED

Shanghai, May 18.—Communist forces after their initial setback renewed their attacks against the Yuhpu-Liuhang-Yungshang line—shielding Woosung yesterday but half of the attackers were "wiped out" under co-ordinated air, ground and navy pounding, a Nationalist Air Force report claimed this morning.

Air Force planes were also active throughout yesterday over combat zones in Pootung where a string of fires were still burning this morning.

During yesterday's extensive operations, the report said, five planes were hit by Communist anti-aircraft fire but all managed to safely return to their base with their crews.

In an eight-point statement issued yesterday afternoon, the Mayor, General Chen Liang, declared that the City authorities will do their best to protect the lives and property of foreign nationals in the Shanghai municipality in accordance with international law and practices during the present emergency.

The Mayor emphasised that despite the fact that Shanghai is in the grip of war the City Government will give adequate protection to foreigners and hoped that all foreign residents here will observe the principle that the whole world is like one family and sincerely co-operate with the City authorities in dealing with the present crisis.

He pointed out that Shanghai is an international metropolis in which different nationals are linked into one single unit of interests.—Reuter.

## SOUTHWARD MARCH

New York, May 17.—Unchecked Communist armies all but encircled Shanghai on Tuesday, swept to within 30 miles of the southeast port of Foochow and were reported only 225 miles from Canton, the refugee Nationalist capital.

The southbound Red forces appeared virtually unopposed. Communist armies simply walked into the three big cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, grouped on the Yangtze in central China.

Military observers in Canton declared there was little but "mountains and space" between that South China city and a Red column which has slashed 300 miles South of the Yangtze.

The Nationalists appear to be putting up a battle. And even the garrison admitted the Reds were making "encircling" moves that put the city in imminent peril.—Reuter.

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Crowds in Berlin give a noisy sendoff to the first motor car to move westward over the autobahn through Soviet-controlled territory from Berlin to the British zone following the lifting of the blockade. A woman, second from left, wears an evening gown and a man at right holds a large bouquet of flowers.—AP Picture.

## Future Is Hopeless Say Shanghai Foreigners

Shanghai, May 17.—Many local observers looking north to Tientsin and Peiping are convinced that the Reds will impose their rule firmly and unflinchingly on Shanghai.

Generally, the foreigner in Shanghai is viewing the days ahead with hopelessness.

Those that are here are now resigned to months of inactivity, privations and, perhaps, suffering and mental anguish.

Pessimism started rolling down the hill of British and American prospects soon after the occupation of Tientsin and Peiping and became an avalanche when the Communists shelled British warships on the Yangtze.

## NEW REALISATION

The cumulative effect of the developments has been to wipe out whatever hopes there were previously that the Communists must somehow or other make approaches to the British and Americans.

Foreign trading communities are beginning to realise that very probably the Reds will do nothing to facilitate their business until their Governments have recognised the Communist regime.

As regards the Chinese masses they are mostly resigned to whatever happens, especially the poorer classes whose attitude is that their lot cannot be any worse.

After years of bare existence they will probably string along with the minimum—two full meals daily.—Reuter.

## NATIONALISING THE "PUBS"

London, May 17.—A Bill to put all the inns and "pubs" of new towns in Britain under State management—described by the Opposition as a first step towards the nationalisation of the brewery trade—was passed by the House of Commons tonight.

An Opposition amendment to reject the Bill, which was supported by Mr. Winston Churchill and other Conservative leaders, was defeated by 305 votes to 167.—Reuter.

## Soviets Given An Election Shock

## Germans' Solid 'No' Vote Against Communism

Berlin, May 17.—The most solid "no" ever registered against Communism in a Russian-dominated land was voiced today when more than four million Germans within the Soviet orbit voted against Communist picked candidates.

The vote exploded any Russian dream of carrying into the Big Four meetings next week any impressive semblance of German support for their policies.

The election was to choose 2,000 candidates to a "people's" congress which would in turn elect a government for Eastern Germany.

All candidates were carefully screened by the Communists and pardons were handed out to former Nazis in order to bring about a giant vote for these candidates.

Russian calculations went awry. In spite of pardons, propaganda, 7,943,949 of the 13,537,071—about 58.2 percent—eligible voters voted returned the "yes" and 4,080,272 voted "no."

## DEFIANCE

This meant that 33.9 percent defied the Communists while 68.1 percent voted for the Communist picked candidates. And the 68.1 per cent "yes" votes included more than 800,000 invalid votes. Figures were released by the Soviet Zone Elections Bureau.

The Communists were dazed by the results. The Russian Army mouth-piece Tagliche Rundschau (Daily Review) called editorially today against "double crossings" and "victims of lying propaganda."

Western Germans building their own government at Bonn were elated. They proclaimed that the defeat for Communism probably was even worse than that officially reported.

Procedures for the first free elections since Hitler were approved tentatively today by British, French and American officials. Popular voting is expected to follow state ratification expected in July.

Completion of the count later showed that the Russian sector of Berlin's municipal elections on Sunday gave the Fatherland Front's list of Communists, agrarians and Independents 4,028,000 votes out of 4,784,000 votes cast—a 97 percent victory.—It was announced today.—Reuter.

## BULGARIAN RESULTS

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## First Car To End Blockade

## Destructive Flood 3 People Drowned 4,000 Homeless

Fortworth, Texas, May 17.—At least three persons were drowned and 4,000 fled their homes here today as the rampaging Trinity River battered down four of its levees and overran a fifth in the wake of a 10-inch overnight rain.

Police said the death toll probably would be higher. Twelve people were missing and "presumed drowned," the police said. Only three bodies have been recovered—those of a negro woman, a white woman and a boy about 16 years old. None of them was identified.

It was the first major flood in Fortworth since April, 1922. The muddy river knocked out the main city water station raising serious health and fire hazards, to help conserve the dwindling water supply, hospitals cancelled all but major surgical operations. Schools were closed because many streets were impassable.

The first estimates of damage ranged up to \$2,000,000. One thousand or more homes were flooded in various sections.

The Weather Bureau's flood gauge on the Trinity here was washed away but it forecast serious flood conditions on the normally placid stream. There appeared to be no prospect of crisis in Dallas but the unexpected downstream lowlands faced inundation.

Elsewhere in the southwest, a new tornado swept across the sparsely settled Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, killing one person and injuring two others.—United Press.

## Middlesex Leaving For H.K. June 15

The Telegraph learns that the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment is sailing in the troopship Dunera from Southampton for Hongkong on June 15.

The commanding officer is Lt. Col. Mervyn Crawford, DSO, who was with the battalion in Shanghai in 1927 and in Hongkong in 1938.

Major T. W. Chatley, remembered as a prominent jockey, is also with the battalion soon to come to Hongkong, while Drum-Major Holdford is still with the band.

The troops are not bringing their families.

An advance party of the Middlesex Regiment is now en route to Hongkong with the Leicestershire and is due to arrive on June 15. In charge of the party is Major C. K. Sadler, TD.

## No Trace Of Missing Crew

St. John's, Newfoundland, May 17.—Coast-guard at Argentin, Newfoundland, reported this afternoon that searching planes had so far found no trace of the crew of the Danish motor schooner Ebba, which sank in a gale last night south of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

Exhaustive searches by planes this morning failed to locate the crew, the coast-guard said. The search was continuing.

United States Flying Fortresses from Keflavik, Greenland, and Labrador, searched during the night.—Reuter.

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## EDITORIAL

### Incompatible Systems

It is very difficult to assess the chances of success or failure of the Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris. For there is one factor which may well be decisive: and it is entirely unknown. It is the attitude of the Soviet Government towards its Allies. If Vyshinsky comes to the Council table in the mood in which he and M. Molotov came to it in the two 1947 sessions then the meeting will be short and futile. For the Western Ministers have no intention of repeating the experience of London and Moscow. They will not again, in the vain hope of reaching some measure of agreement about something, sit patiently for weeks listening to intemperate attacks on themselves, their Governments and their countries. If the Russians' intention is to use the Council again as an instrument of propaganda and "psychological warfare" against their allies it will be frustrated. But it may be that this time Stalin really wants to come to an agreement. It may be that this is why the inflexible Molotov has left the Moscow Foreign Office. It may be that this is why the Berlin blockade was unconditionally lifted. On the other hand, M. Gromyko in Lake Success still speaks in tones of rasping hostility. Nor do the manners of the Soviet press show any sign of improvement. But the changes of Soviet policy when they come are apt to come suddenly without any sign that they are about to happen or any explanation of why they have happened. That is true not only of the major volte-face like the 1939 conversion of hostility towards Nazi Germany into effusive friendship. In 1945 Molotov's vehement objection to French participation in the making of the Balkan treaties nearly wrecked the Council of Foreign Ministers. A few months later without a word of explanation he insisted that of course France must play her part. And there have been many similar instances—over the French annexation of Tenda, even the future of the Italian Colonies. It seems not only a gauche but in the long run a

foolish method. Any sudden reversal of policy and attitude in Germany is perfectly possible. It that were to happen, if Vyshinsky showed signs of a wish to reach an agreement upon Germany, would such an agreement be possible? The central problem—though by no means the only one—is "unification". Is it possible for the Western Allies and the Soviet Union to agree on the form or the essential structure of a unified German State? Both have, in different ways, indicated their views. In the West the Germans have been allowed and indeed encouraged to devise a constitution upon what one may call the orthodox "Western" principles of democracy. In the East the Soviet authorities have set up a sort of embryo constitution. There is "The People's Council" of two thousand members. Congress elects a "People's Council" of four hundred. Council elects a "Praesidium" of 29. But the "elections" to Congress—which have just taken place—are of a character which does not in the least correspond with the Western ideals of democracy. The constitution of Congress is predetermined, seats allotted and members chosen in advance. The German voter has no choice but to vote or not to vote for a single "list" of candidates: with strong pressure to ensure voting for the "list". It is already decided that the Communist controlled "Socialist Unity Party" will have a majority though it is doubtful whether in free elections they would poll 20% of the votes. It is already decided that the Social Democrats, who in the West Berlin Municipal Election last December polled 64%, will be unrepresented. Here then, is the Soviet conception of a kind of "democracy" which should be established in Germany. It is completely and entirely incompatible with the ideas of the Western Powers or of the German people. A united Germany might have one type or the other. It cannot have both. Nor is there any conceivable synthesis of the two.



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# WOMANSENSE

## Sydney Has Free Service To Help Visitors Find Accommodation

By Susan Barrio

In common with most cities in the world today accommodation is very hard to find in Australian cities, particularly Sydney. The New South Wales Government, however, has smoothed the path for visitors by setting up a Hotel Accommodation Bureau. Run by an efficient young woman, the Bureau arranges temporary accommodation for visitors—without charge.

ONE day recently a Dutchman, his wife and their seven children arrived in Sydney from Malaya. Having left for Australia without arranging accommodation, they had no idea where they would spend the night when they stopped ashore.

Within an hour or two, they learnt the facts about Sydney's accommodation difficulties. (Due largely to wartime restrictions on civil building and the priority given home building after the war.)

Then a customs official told them about the Government Hotel Accommodation Bureau at the N.S.W. Licensing Magistrate's office, near the wharves. They called there and explained their plight.

The officer-in-charge, Miss Bessie Waring, listened sympathetically, made some telephone calls. Within half an hour the family was booked in at a comfortable hotel.

This was all in the day's work to Bessie Waring. It was just one of hundreds of applications she handles each week. Travelers from all over the world, from Indian merchants to visiting British scientists and Continental businessmen, go to her office.

**How It Started**

The bureau opened at the end of 1945. At that time, Australian servicemen were returning home from war service, and their families from other States went to Sydney, Australia's main port, to meet them.

Often they found it almost impossible to get accommodation, and the New South Wales Minister for Justice decided that his Government should start a free service to provide temporary hotel accommodation for visitors.

The N.S.W. Licensing Magistrate's Office controls the bureau, Miss Waring, who took charge shortly after it opened, runs it smoothly and efficiently.

A tall, attractive blonde, in her late twenties, with a friendly personality, she has a genuine interest in her job. "It's absorbing work," she says. "I like people and enjoy meeting the various types who come in with their problems."

Sometimes, of course, she strikes difficulties. Many of the people who go to her have tramped all over the city looking for somewhere to stay. They are tired and discouraged when they arrive at the bureau. From time to time, Miss Waring consoles weeping children, or tries to understand the requirements of some new arrival who cannot speak English. She takes all this in her stride, and by fact and courtesy generally succeeds in arranging accommodation.

### Proof Of Success

Proof of her success is the fact that out of 846 applications in one year, she found accommodation for 5,012. She stresses the fact that she makes only temporary bookings, sometimes for a few days, sometimes for as long as several months, but she cannot arrange permanent accommodation.

Most people are grateful for her help, and are surprised when they find the service is free. Some go back to thank her and tell her that their hotel is satisfactory. Others write. One of her valued possessions is a file containing appreciative letters from people in many different countries. A typical letter is one from an Indian businessman, who wrote: "I recollect with pleasure my last visit to Sydney, and the valuable help I received from you during my stay."

### One Important Factor

Miss Waring believes that personal contact is the most important factor in her work. She often has telephone applications, but whenever possible she interviews people personally.

"I have to keep faith with the hotel proprietors, too, you see," she explains. "They trust me to select the right type of guests for them. By talking with people for a while, I can generally get a good idea of their character."

For the first six months she was in the job, Miss Waring went out regularly with a police sergeant inspecting every hotel, from luxury metropolitan ones to the small, quiet hotels in the outer suburbs. This knowledge enables her, to

select accommodation to suit the taste and pockets of her different applicants.

Travel organisations, scientific and educational bodies throughout the British Commonwealth write to Miss Waring for help when they send groups of people to Sydney.

### A Friend In Need

When big overseas ships come in, the bureau is kept particularly busy, and Miss Waring often has more than 100 applicants in one day. They may be tourists, business men or new settlers who have paid their own fares (migrants under the Government schemes have accommodation arranged for them before they sail).

"They generally don't know anyone in Sydney," she says. "They need the bureau's help—and that's the reason it's here."

Miss Waring greets them all with her customary courtesy and understanding. Nothing is too much trouble to try to make them comfortable.

## HOW TO USE STARCH CORRECTLY

By ELEANOR ROSS

FRESHLY-starched look assumes new importance in the world of fashion, with the emphasis on beautiful cottons and fine linen suits and dresses. A crisp skirt, a spanking white blouse or waistcoat, snowy white neckwear and cuffs to dress up that simple dark dress, all these are very much in and of the mode, and a boon to budgeteers. All of which means that the gal who has a knowing hand in starch finds it easy to assume that crisp, neat look.

Here are some hints that may help you to become an expert in caring for your cottons now that the season for tubable clothes and accessories is fast approaching.

### Tepid Water

Use cold or tepid water, never hot water for dissolving starch. Use a large pan for starching when dipping clothes. Dip and squeeze damp (not wet) garments until fully saturated. Always dip articles in order of stiffness desired, starting off with white pieces. Working out each piece over the pan to save as much starch as possible for remaining pieces.

The cold starching method is employed for items such as jabots and blouses fashioned of very sheer materials. Good, too, for small pieces such as collars and cuffs. Cold water starch permeates the fabric satisfactorily and eases time. If a stiffer finish is desired, increase proportion of powder to water, decrease proportion when a lighter finish is desired.

### Roll In Cloth

Articles should be dipped and worked thoroughly, squeezed lightly and then rolled in a clean, dry cloth to stand for 20 to 30 minutes. They should then be ironed while still wet with a hot iron. If you haven't been using starch for some time, or if this is your first attempt at tackling starch, or if you are an old hand at the game, look into some of the new products now on the market. These include good liquid laundry starch that requires no cooking, no boiling. With bluing and ironing aids built-in, it needs only to be combined with water, an excellent idea for busy housewives.

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PLASTIC APRON—Screen actress Meg Randall, in a two-piece bathing suit, models a plastic apron in Hollywood.

## Star Tells Why Marriages Fail

By PATRICIA CLARY

AFTER 25 years of a happy Hollywood marriage, Charles Hoot Greenwood says the secret is similar interests, but different careers.

"More marriages in Hollywood have been wrecked by the fact that the wife outstripped the husband, or the husband outstripped the wife, than by anything else," the veteran actress said.

"Nine times out of 10, the fundamental cause of a Hollywood divorce is the envy or hate felt by the one who's been left behind in the climb toward success."

But when the two partners work at different careers, each do his best in his own field without ruffling his partner.

Miss Greenwood, the long-legged comedienne of stage and screen, celebrates this year the 25th anniversary of her marriage to Martin Broones, a composer-writer-producer. Their careers touch, Miss Greenwood said, but seldom overlap.

"Martin has produced many of my plays, written a few of them and composed for a couple," she explained. "Thus we have mutual interests but not mutual careers."

### Keeps Out of Way

Broones hasn't once been on the set of her current picture, "Oh You Beautiful Doll," at 20th Century-Fox. He didn't visit her last picture either, although he composed a song for it.

"It's not that Martin isn't interested in what I'm doing," she added. "It's just that he has his own work to do and doesn't want to be underfoot."

Many a Hollywood husband who has no work to do except kibitz his wife's career might take a tip from that.

When they are away from their jobs, Miss Greenwood and Broones have many interests in common.

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## Shoe Wardrobe is an Economy



For daytime wear, your shoe wardrobe might well include this pretty pair of calf shoes with stout leather soles and a medium heel.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you want to economise—and you should have a shoe wardrobe rather than a steady day-in-and-day-out pair with extra pairs for dressing up. A frequent change of shoes will make the feet happy. If you wear high heels in the evening, come down to earth on low during the day. Change from open to closed models. This practice prevents the formation of bad footwear habits, keeps important muscles active, provides opportunity for pedal relaxation.

Actual tests have demonstrated that two pairs of shoes worn on alternate days will last two or three times as long as the same two pairs worn one pair at a time. If you are bothered with a corn or a calloused spot, you can be pretty sure that it is caused by pressure or friction. So retire the shoes you have been wearing.

When you select new ones, see that there is plenty of wiggle room for the toes. Send them into a huddle and well.

You will have trouble aplenty. Don't forget that, for general wear, well-made shoes equipped with genuine leather uppers and soles are an excellent investment. They will give flexible support and freedom of movement.

There is a close bond between foot health and general well-being. Sore feet can cause headaches, backaches, nervous tension and nasty dispositions. An exciting new offering has the "nude" look with a ventral sole from a high heel the leather sole curves gracefully down to the toe, where the barest suggestion of an upper shell discreetly hides the toes from view. Thanks to the resilient strength of the leather sole that's all there is to the vamp except for a criss-cross strap. At the back is a combination sling and instep strap—that holds the shoe to the foot. That's going to look pretty nice with frocks that bloom in the spring. And your trotters will be nicely air conditioned, as well.

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### BROILED CHICKEN DE LUXE

"HERE are two nice broiled chickens," said the Chef. They are a little larger than squab chickens so the two will serve four people. How would you like me to prepare them?"

"Well, Madam, this will be chicken at the table, so I think it should be more polite. However, when eating 'en famille' it is allowed to pick up a piece of chicken and eat the meat from the bone."

**Eating Broiled Chicken**

"But that's more or less easy," I remarked, "and often the juiciest meat is left on the bone. I wish there was a neat way of eating broiled chicken. I believe, Chef, it would prove helpful to break, but not sever, the joints and remove the wings before the chicken is broiled. It would hold its original shape but be much easier to manage on the plate."

**Appetizing Patty**

"Ah, Madam, that is what you call the pay-off. Of the dark meat I make something that is epicurean. I prepare the delicate little cakes of chicken to accompany the breast. In that way, everybody has the white breast, and an appetizing patty of chicken meat, and the serving is more substantial and will be really de luxe."

"Chef, that will look wonderful on the plate! And speaking of chicken, I would like to explain something which seems to puzzle many of our readers. In giving directions for preparing all poultry, after cleaning and removing the pin feathers, we always advise scrubbing the birds with mild soapy water. This is the reason: The skin of all birds contains pores, and these pores retain oil and dirt that a mere rinsing does not remove. Scrubbing with a brush dipped in mild soapy water, does remove it. But rinse the bird several times in clear tepid water to wash off all trace of soap, and the skin becomes much lighter. It cooks tender and crisp and is enjoyable to the last cracker."

**Dinner**

Cottage Stiring Bean Salad  
Radish Sauce  
Broiled Chicken de Luxe  
Parasited Potatoes  
Banana-Orange Cup  
Little Cocos Cakes  
Coffee or Tea (Children)  
All Measurements are Level Unless Stated Otherwise

**Broiled Chicken de Luxe**

For four persons select two small broiling chickens, and broil, rub all over with the cut have them cleaned and split. Ro-

**Little Cocos Cakes**

Into a hot sauce pan, measure 1/2 c. butter or a substitute, 1 c. sugar and the yolks of 2 eggs. Cream together until fluffy. Sift together 1 1/2 c. cake flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/3 c. dry cocoa, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. ground clove. Add alternately with 1/2 c. milk to the first mixture. Last, beat the egg whites stiff and fold them in. Bake in medium-sized muffin pans and bake 18 to 20 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375 F. Makes 12 small cup cakes.

**Trick Of The Chef**

After preparing chicken to broil, rub all over with the cut have them cleaned and split. Ro-

## Variations On A Skirt Theme



Sunburst-pleated Triple-tiered

**POLKA DOTTED** silk crepe combined with jersey is the theme of a charming dress that would be an excellent choice for summer. The bodice, of burnt orange jersey, has short sleeves and terminates directly below the bust where the orange and white dotted crepe is joined. The skirt is sunburst-pleated. The little scarf at the neck is separate.

The triple tiered skirt, (on the right) just faintly rippled to make for animations is a good choice for wear on important afternoon occasions. It can be worn gracefully many times, and indeed for more than one season and always look right. Fashioned in navy or black crepe, it is discreetly cut to flatter the more statuesque figure. The pointed collar, which drapes the bustline nicely, terminates in a scarf that hangs down the back, but it can be twisted and tied to give the dress a different look.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**RAIN OF BLOSSOMS**—Cherry blossom time is a gay festival in Japan, and the children there would not think of missing it. When unseasonal weather and heavy rains reduced the life of this year's crop, these children got out their umbrellas and parasols and set out anyway, along with millions of others.



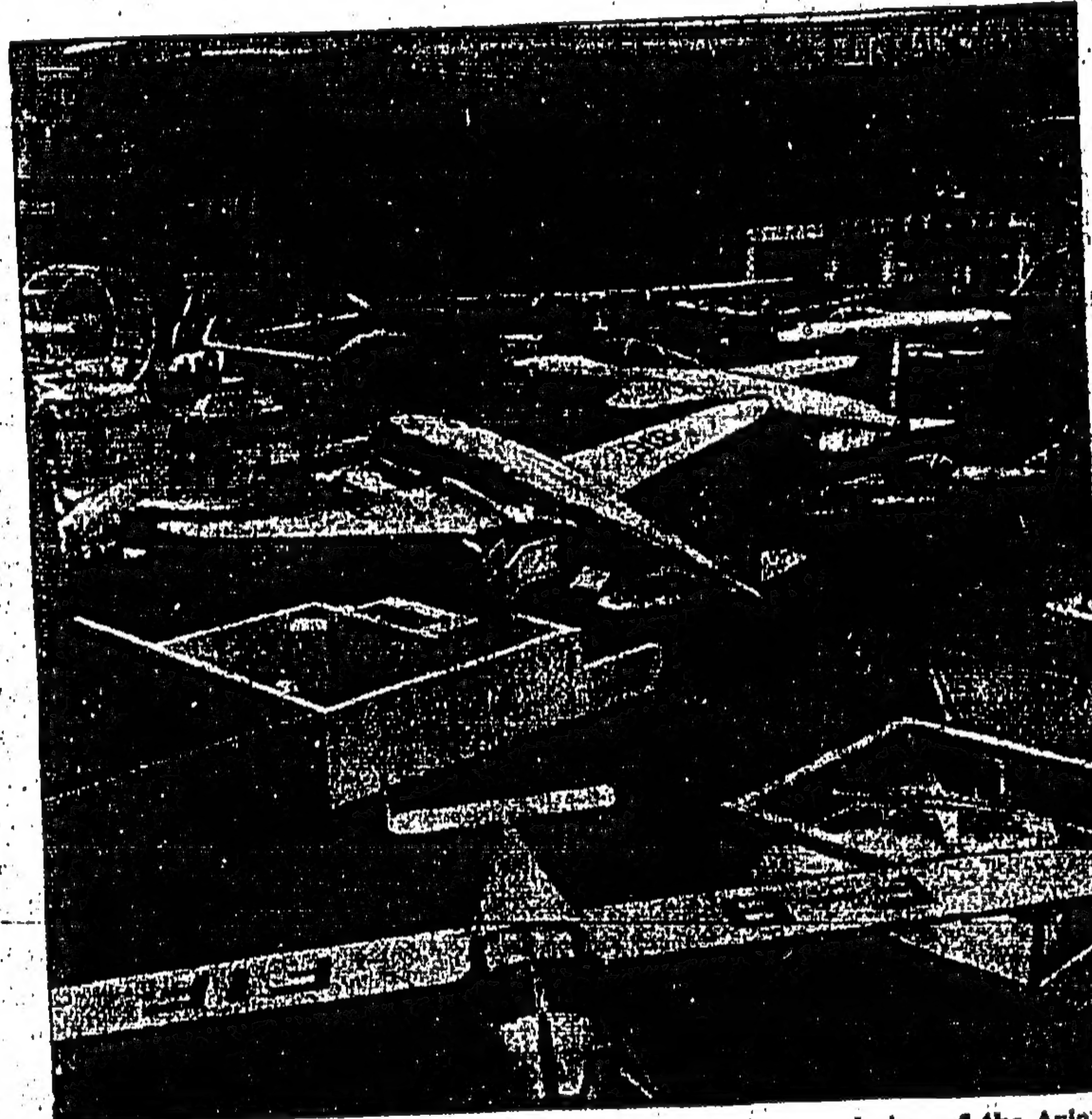
**BREAD FOR BRITAIN**—These workers, in London, are starting to unload some of the 3,500 tons of wheat which recently arrived aboard the SS Bearerglen. Sent over under the Marshall Plan, the wheat will go into bread and cereals to supplement the British diet. It took four days to unload.



**FOR THE POPE**—John Walbel, in Syracuse, New York, pours wax to make candles for the Golden Jubilee of Pope Pius XII. Pure beeswax was gathered, for this purpose, from the five continents and 37 countries.



**ROBIN HOOD'S WEDDING**—When Robin Adair Hood and Miriam Teresa Blanco-Fombona were married at Brompton Oratory, in London, these children were bridal attendants. They are, left to right, Allister MacDonald; Catriona Campbell, and her brother, Diarmid.



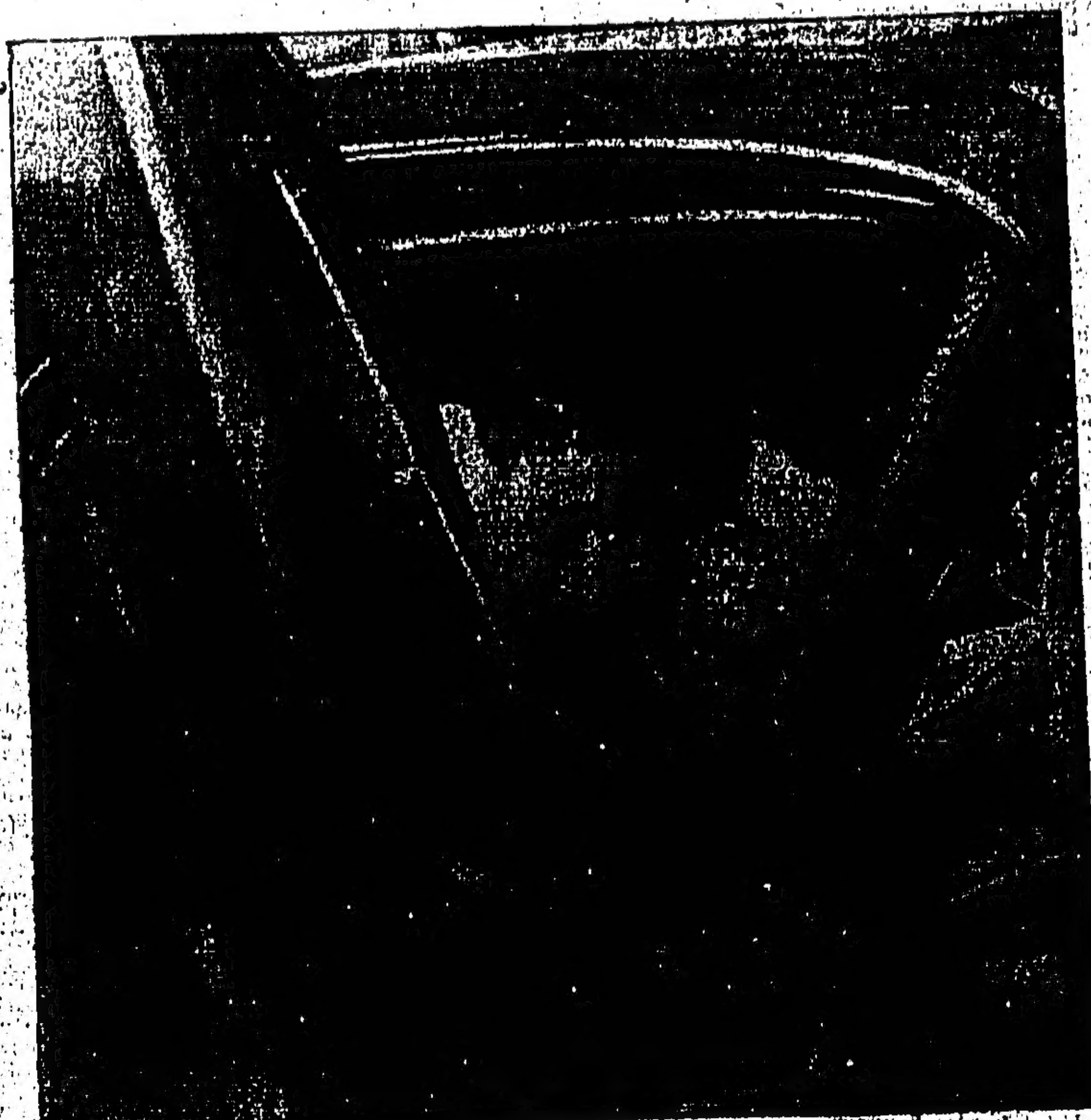
**PARISIAN AIR SHOW**—A general view of the Aviation Exhibition which has just opened in Paris. More than 300 aircraft companies are displaying such new developments as jet planes, helicopters and deluxe airliners.



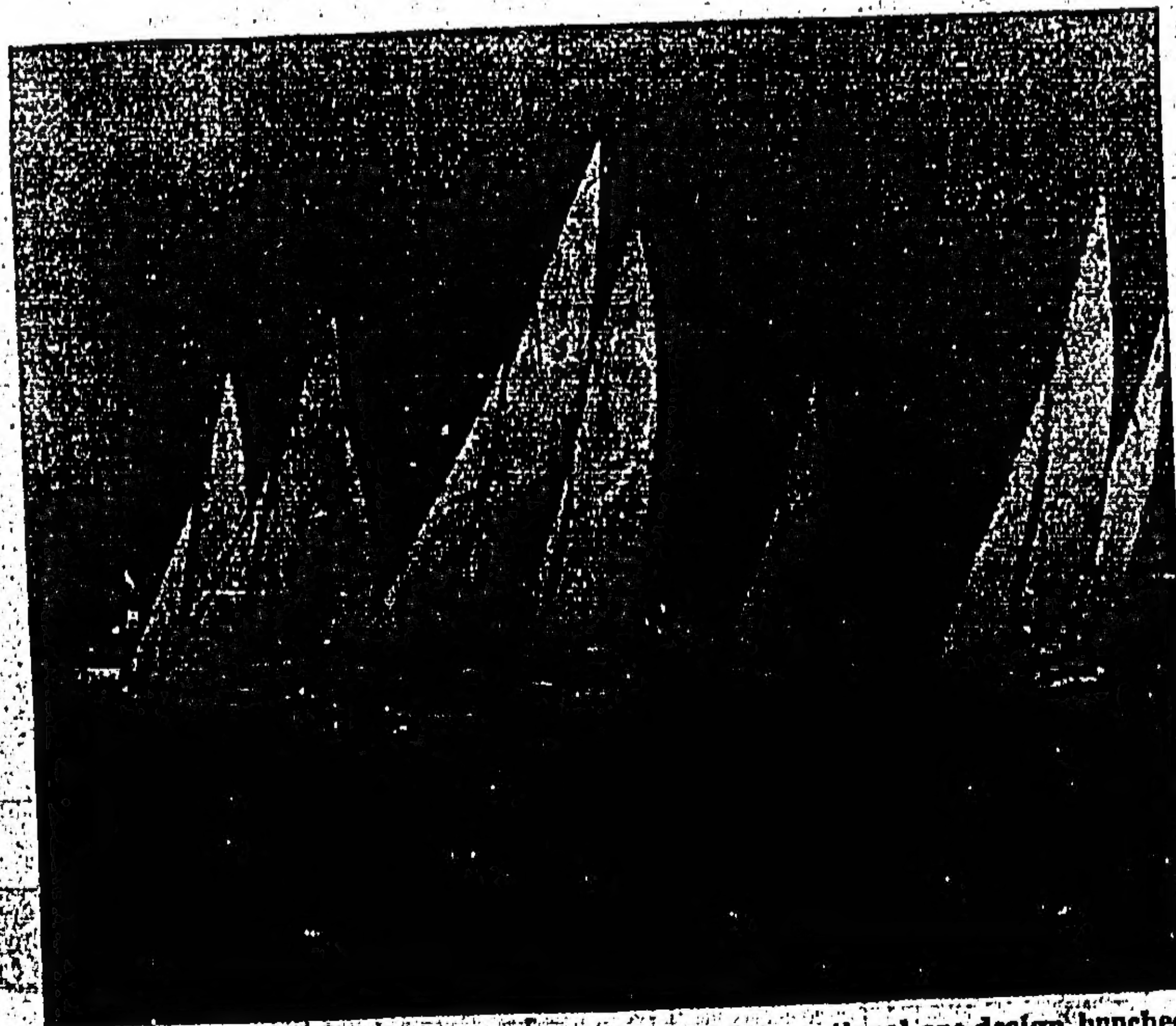
**IN GOLD**—Dorothy Van Nuys, in San Francisco, models this sheathe gown of pure gold antique Persian brocade. It is made of a "timeless" style which may still be smart 50 years from now.



**THROWING HIS WEIGHT**—On picket duty in Southampton, is "Tiny" Himes, right, of Ottawa, Canada. When the crew of the Canadian ship, Sea-board Trader, came out in sympathy with other seamen, "Tiny" went with them.



**TO THE RESCUE**—When his truck was crushed between a trolley car and an elevated train pillar in Philadelphia, Frank Lonetti, right, had to wait to be rescued. Workers finally jacked up the truck and worked from underneath. His wife and daughter-in-law got out with minor injuries.



**OVER THE DEEP**—US and Bermuda teams of International one-design bunched together in Great Sound, Bermuda. They are approaching the starting line in the first race of the America Cup Series, which the American team won.

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"ON LOR! THE SKIPPER'S HAVING ANOTHER OF HIS SPELLS"

## Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

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"That nice Mr. Robin's flown to Paris for Easter," said the Sparrow's wife, busy with her tiny bit of knitting.

"By himself?" asked the Sparrow.

"Of course not," said his wife. "Fancy."

"Why 'fancy'?"

"He wouldn't think of going to a place like Paris without his wife."

"He probably thinks about it, but never goes," said the Sparrow.

"You judge others by yourself," said his wife. "The Robins are devoted to each other."

"He won't be so devoted when he gets to Paris."

"They're so devoted that he's miserable even when she visits her mother for a week-end."

"He'd be more miserable if he went too."

"That's where you're wrong again. He's devoted to her mother."

"Has she gone to Paris with them?" asked the Sparrow.

"She has," said his wife.

"In military circles I believe it would be known as doubling the guard."

"I don't know anything about military circles. All I know is that Mr. Robin can afford to take his wife and her mother to Paris and we can't afford to go anywhere."

"I can't afford to take anybody anywhere at any time when I spend all my money at the Tree Tops Club," said the Sparrow.

"That's what I meant," said his wife.

"I know you did," said the Sparrow. "So I thought I'd say it first."

"I think it's a shame you can't take mother and me away for Easter because you spend all your money in that awful club, ruining your health and everything."

"If saving money on Scotch means taking my mother to Paris I'll drink myself to death," said the Sparrow, flying straight to the Other Sparrow's nest.

"If he's a thief, why don't they send him to prison?"

"He's a legalised thief."

"But he could send you to prison for not letting him steal your money?"

"When you haven't stolen anything?"

"That's right."

"Do you buy wigs for foreigners, too?"

"I expect so."

"What do wigs cost?"

"About twenty-five guineas."

"Is it right that anybody is entitled to two free wigs, one for weekdays and one for Sunday?"

"I believe so."

"So if foreign visitors are entitled to free wigs they can have two each?"

"Naturally."

"Paris in the spring. The Bois de Boulogne. Montparnasse. The Tuilleries. Omelettes. French bread. Vin blanc. Vin rouge. Oh, la la. Hotcha, hotcha."

"With you?" asked the Other Sparrow.

"Who else?"

"Do we fly under our own steam or stow away in the plane?"

"We stow away in the plane and arrive in time for lunch. Omelettes. French bread. Vin blanc. Vin rouge."

"Oh, la la. Hotcha, hotcha," said the Other Sparrow.

"About 200,000,000."

"If they were all bald and toothless and all came over here, what would that cost?"

"It is unlikely that they are all bald and toothless. It is also unlikely that they will all come over here."

"But suppose they did?"

"If they all came over here and they all had a set of free dentures and two free wigs it would cost the British taxpayer roughly £12,600,000,000."

"What about the Chinese?"

"I'm not going into the Chinese question."

"How many Chinese are there?"

"About 400,000,000."

"So if they all came over here..."

"And they were all bald and toothless..."

"It would cost what?"

"Roughly £25,000,000,000."

"Well, who would pay?"

"Mr. Bloodsucker, the income tax collector, also steals money from other people's pay packets."

"To buy false teeth for foreigners?"

"Partly."

"Does Bloodsucker open people's pay packets before they get them?"

"Yes."

"And takes what he likes?"

"Does he spend all Friday night doing it?"

"Probably."

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"Suppose 10,000 bald Frenchmen came over. What would that cost?"

"As fifty guineas per head. £525,000."

"And if they were toothless as well as bald?"

"£630,000."

"Perhaps bald and toothless Germans will come over, too?"

"Perhaps."

"And Italians and Russians?"

"Probably."

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## Where has the money gone?

By BERNARD HARRIS

LONDON. Even baby's nappies cost a penny more. And when the infant qualifies for a sleeping suit the extra cost is 1s. 4d. Services such as shoe repairs, laundry, dry cleaning, hair-dressing, and domestic help are all running away with more money.

For the former well-to-do this, of course, has been a black year because of the capital levy. On the top of income tax and surtax it has laid them out.

But for the ordinary citizens taxation has not yet risen. And yet they are as short of money as anyone else.

Statistically, I am told, retail prices have only risen over the year by an average of 1s. in the £. Is that enough to cause the money shortage? Does it really reflect the true rise in the cost-of-living?

The evidence of very tight purse-strings is not far to seek.

Boots and shoes and some clothes come off the ration, but there is no rush to buy, badly though most wardrobes need replenishing.

Confectioners report that some of their customers no longer take up their full ration of sweets, because they cannot afford to do so.

Cinema takings are well down. Restaurants, especially the expensive ones, are poorly patronised.

### Demand drops

And there has been a 20 percent drop in the demand for beer, that last-to-be-pruned spending for so many people. The drop has even shut a brewery.

Gambling on the dogs has shrunk to a fraction of the £200 million staked in the boom days of 1946.

Though the proprietors of the football pools keep mum about their figures, there is no doubt that they, too, are suffering a chilly draught.

Few housewives need reminding about the items in their shopping lists that have gone up over the past year. In food the outstanding price increases are in eggs, bacon, fish, rabbits, some varieties of tinned goods, and the various "extras" that go to stretch the rations.

In clothing the average increase is 2s. 6d. in the £. Children's shoes have risen by nearly 3s. in the £.

Some cotton goods, such as sheets, are as much as 12s. in the £ since 1947.

When the Stock Exchange starts to become hard up, the effects soon spread through all sections of the community, whether they have money invested or not.

Only the banks are prosperous today and their prosperity rests too much on overdrafts. Indeed, there is an old saying that when the banks are prospering the country is in a bad way because prosperity for the banks means that too many people need to borrow money at high interest.

It is an unpleasant situation in which we find ourselves, but it is not without its compensations.

It means an end of the black and grey markets, of queuing, and of the days when a buyer had to go almost on hands and knees to get what he wanted.

Manufacturers are once more having to exert themselves not merely to make what the public wants but to make it at a price the public is prepared to pay.

The old, somewhat easy-going methods which Socialism has helped to encourage with its quotas and controls will not serve much longer.

The good, fresh wind of competition is coming back. Before long let us hope it will bring lower prices with it.

The process would be hastened if the Government would get out of overseas trading for its long-term contracts for food and raw materials are delaying the day when we can benefit from the falling trend of world prices.

(London Express Service)

## C.V.R. Thompson reports the U.S. scene

IN NEW YORK, the best restaurants and what New Yorkers like to call beereries (snack bars) have cut prices to attract more customers. Steaks have been reduced from 18s. to 13s. And in the beereries everything was about 3d. cheaper.

The defeated champion, Richard Watson, a local cab-driver, filed a protest. He said the contest was supposed to last ten minutes, and he was all ready for a winning spurt when it was all over.

AMERICANS are seeing "flying saucers" in their skies again. For the first time Washington conceded that it has no evidence enabling it to deny categorically that a foreign Power is sending them over America. But there is no evidence, either, that a foreign Power is doing so.

SHOPPING: The great nylon boom is busting all over America. It is not that women are wearing fewer pairs, but that too many factories and too efficient machinery are producing far too many of them. They are now trying to sell stockings so sheer they are almost invisible, hoping that wear and tear will be greater.

SOMETHING NEW in union demands turned up in Philadelphia. Warehouse workers demanded that they should get their birthdays off, or, if not, double pay. The employers gave in.

IN SEATTLE, a 28-year-old carpenter, Joe Gagnon, was named world's "clam-eating champion" after eating 167 clams in a rubbery "American" (of the oyster) in eight minutes.

STORY by columnist Walter Winchell, concerns Truman being arriving at Heaven's gates. The gates were locked. Bevin hammered at them, saying: "They can't keep me out. I represent the British Empire."

And Truman said: "All right, Ernie, break them down. We will pay for them."

MOTORING: After a place to live, a place to park your car is the hardest thing to find in the U.S. And this is why Washington announces that there are 40,022,000 cars on the road, nearly one for every three Americans.

CITY: A Philadelphia stockbroker is keeping evening office hours two nights a week "to serve factory workers who cannot get round during the day."

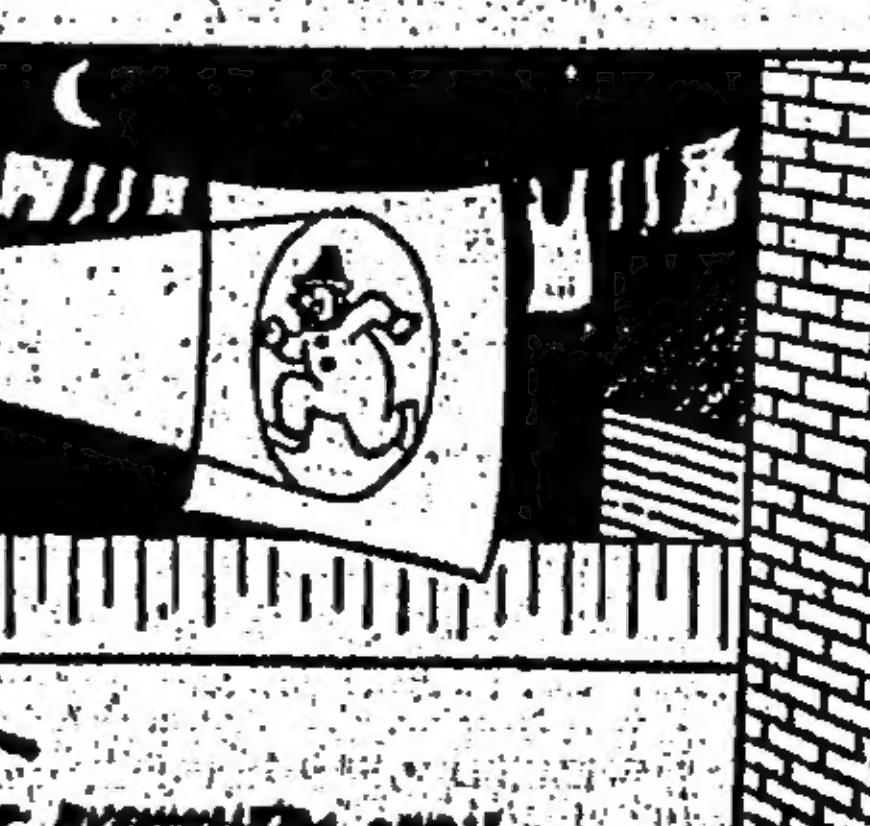
SHOW BUSINESS: Milton Berle, America's top television star, raised \$300,000 for charity by selling jokes before the cameras without stopping for 16 hours.

Katharine Hepburn, a "refugee" from Hollywood, has signed up to do "As You Like It" on Broadway next season.

Hollywood's new vogue for all-star Westerns has got Robert Taylor, Ray Milland, Peter Lawford, Van Heflin, Zachary Scott, and Roddy McDowall all practising how to make a quick draw.

## NANCY The Show Must Go On

By Ernie Bushmiller





# BURMA'S WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA WAR

## "Dangers Ahead," Warns Minister

Rangoon, May 17.—The Burmese Government was watching the rapid developments in China, the Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, told the Press Trust of India today.

In an exclusive interview, the Foreign Minister said: "What China does with itself is none of our business, but the danger is that the trouble may not stop there."

The developments in China had been so rapid that it was difficult to forecast what was ahead, but dangers existed and it was the realization of these external dangers that led Burma to seek Commonwealth aid, he said.

"I have no doubt that the Government of Burma have quelled internal disturbances eventually without outside assistance. But external dangers made it imperative that law and order should be restored by the swiftest possible means," the Foreign Minister said.

He added that he was satisfied with the aid that had been forthcoming so far.

## Franco To Speak On UN Debates

Madrid, May 17.—General Franco is expected to refer to the United Nations on Spain when he opens the new Cortes (Parliament) here tomorrow. His speech will be broadcast.

The United Nations voting on relations with Spain, has though technically adverse, has been greeted by the newspapers as a great moral victory for Spain.

The newspaper ABC (Monarchist) wrote: "We welcome an enormous numerical and moral triumph."

Of the Latin American and Arab votes, it said: "These two blocs of countries have shown something more important than numerical strength—sincere affection and unshakable loyalty and love of justice."

The Catholic newspaper Ya said: "Spain has triumphed without moving from the position adopted by General Franco."

The Arriba (Falangist) expressed surprise at Israel's adverse vote.—Reuter.

## Air Force Strikes Hard

(Continued from Page 1)

A communiqué said the Reds had reached Chwan-sha, 12 miles east of Shanghai's waterfront. This meant that the Reds held lines about three fourths of the way around China's greatest city.

### STRING OF FIRES

The Communists also reached Footing, at the outskirts of Footing, the sprawling industrial district across the Whangpoo river from Shanghai. Chwan-sha is but seven miles from the Shanghai waterfront.

Near Shanghai, a string of fires raged on the Footing front. Some appeared only about four miles from Shanghai.

The cannonading roared louder than ever in Shanghai as the Reds stepped up their attacks from the southeast. The Nationalists were pouring in reinforcements.

Pressure on Shanghai lessened in the south and north. Here, before Lung-hwa airport on the South and the fortress of Woon-chow on the North, the Nationalists made a determined stand.

The Nationalists claimed a big victory before Woon-chow and on one sector, 10 miles North-west of Shanghai.—Associated Press.

## STRIKE LEADS TO VIOLENCE

Bombay, May 17.—Twelve persons were injured and taken to hospital today when some of the street sweepers who have been on strike for five days with other Bombay municipal workers clashed with two groups of non-striking sweepers.

Only 2,000 out of 9,000 strikers, who are asking for higher wages and shorter hours, returned to work on Sunday following a warning by the Municipality that they could be liable to dismissal if they did not do so.

Today the Municipal authorities claimed that 75 percent of the conservancy work was being done by non-striking and newly recruited sweepers.—Reuter.

## Jap Fishing Decision Criticised

### SCAP "Pampering The Robbers"

Manila, May 18.—A Times editorial entitled "Pampering the Robbers" today criticised the SCAP proposal to relax restrictions on Japanese fishing.

"The SCAP authorities have been frowning on the tendency of Japanese fishermen to break bounds... one member of the SCAP organization even went so far as to tell the Japs they would have to learn to behave before they could be granted further rights."

"Now it seems the Japs have learned to behave—in about a week. And so they are to be given the right to fish in Philippine waters."

"Have they learned their lesson well enough to be admitted to the great Alaskan fisheries? Or the fishing grounds off California?"

"To carry the point further, are American manufacturers ready for an invasion of five and ten cent stores by Japanese gadget makers?"

"Isn't it time a halt was called to the continued pampering of a congenitally predatory, incurably robber-minded people?"—United Press.

## HK Newsmen Talk With Rees-Williams

London, May 17.—The press delegation from Hongkong, Fiji and Mauritius, visiting Britain, were received at the Colonial Office today by Mr David Rees-Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

In welcoming them, Mr Rees-Williams said: "This is one of our new ideas, to bring over our friends to see what is actually happening in Britain today."

"When you return home, I want you to tell that, although we are a long way from each other, your people are always strongly in our minds and that we are one family."

A lengthy tour has been arranged for the journalists, who will inspect at first hand British industries, agriculture, and social activities.

The delegation includes Mr Shum Choy-sang, of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, Mr Zealand Kwong, of the Kung Shung Yat Po, Mr Roth Alipate Naulovu, of Na Motia (Fijian Government newspaper), Mr Gurudayal Sharma (Shanti Dull, Fiji) and Mr Ananth Beejadhur (Advocate) from Mauritius.—Reuter.

## Warship To Bring Evacuees

The destroyer Constance is due from the Shanghai area tomorrow with a party of about 40 evacuees.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, arrived in the Colony this morning aboard HMS Alert from Shanghai, where he has been examining the situation and conferring with his second-in-command, Vice-Admiral Madden.

Admiral Brind left almost immediately by BOAC for his headquarters in Singapore.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your favorite dinner tonight, dear—everything creamed, and mince pie is made to top it off!"

## Who! Me? Says Winner



Miss Rita Clifford, 20, of Braintree, Mass., (centre) registers astonishment as she hears judges announce her as winner of the photographic queen contest sponsored by the Boston Press Photographer's Association. Contestants registering various reactions to news include (l to r) Gerry Slattery of Walpole, Mass., Miss Clifford; Jane Dunn of Mattapan, Mass., and Joan Marie Dike of Boston.—AP Picture.

## Former Jap POW To Set Up Mission School

### "ONE SOUL TO CHRIST FOR EVERY JAP VICTIM"

Tokyo, May 17.—An Australian Catholic padre, who spent three and a half years in Japan's infamous prisoner of war camps in Siam and along the Burma-Siam railway, arrived here today to set up a mission school for Japanese children.

The former AIF Catholic chaplain, Father Lionel Madden, said he and other survivors decided the best monument to the men who died in the camps would be "mission work which would bring at least one soul to Christ for every one of the men who died down there."

About 100 survivors joined in forming a Marist Japanese mission in Sydney and subscribing funds to help Marist Father to establish a mission school in Japan.

The school will probably be set up in Kyoto, undamaged cultural centre and ancient capital of Japan.

Father Madden said friendly contacts he had with a Japanese Catholic in Singapore before the war, and the interest of his Superior in Oriental mission work had made him volunteer for the assignment in Japan.

He recalled that "life was not so bad" during the first year of imprisonment with the Australian forces from Singapore in a southern Siam POW camp.

But when his contingent was moved up from Changi Peninsula into another Siam camp "it was not so good."

He said that in three months 44 per cent of 700 prisoners died of malaria, dysentery, tropical ulcers, beri beri and finally a cholera epidemic.—United Press.

## Eisler Forfeits Bond

Washington, May 17.—The \$20,000 bonds posted by Communist Gerhard Eisler were today declared forfeited by the U.S. District Court here.

At the same time the Court issued a Bench warrant for Eisler's arrest, as a person ineligible for further freedom on bail while the cases against him are pending.

(A month ago the Supreme Court upheld against him a conviction and sentence of one to three years imprisonment on passport charges and a one-year sentence and \$1,000 fine for contempt of Congress in refusing to swear to give evidence before the "Un-American Activities" Committee).

The Government plans to use the warrant issued today as a "trial exhibit" in securing Eisler's extradition from England, where he arrived as a stowaway on the Pollak ship Battery.—Reuter.

## Mystery Disease Hits Wheat

Topeka, (Kansas), May 17.—A mysterious virus disease in wheat is creeping into Kansas, and as much as 50 per cent of the winter wheat crop in two counties appears to have been hit.

Mr A. B. Hart, a state superintendent, said that in the Western section, where fields of wheat had been ploughed under after being ravaged by the disease.

If the disease continued to spread, he added, damage to this year's wheat might exceed \$50,000,000.

However, he and other experts said the virus might have run its course, as some fields appeared to be recovering.

The disease has struck wheat in the Western third of the state from Nebraska to the Oklahoma border. Some damage has also been reported in Eastern Colorado.

Government offices here estimated that 1,000,000 acres of wheat have been planted in the Western third of Kansas.—United Press.

## 20,000 MARCH IN PROTEST

Vienna, May 17.—Twenty thousand Austrians, mostly Communists, tonight marched to Vienna's City Hall to protest against the Government's proposed wage-price agreement.

The "international sector of Vienna was declared out of bounds to all Allied troops, including Russians, to ensure that they would not be involved in the demonstration, which was orderly.

Police forces in Central Vienna had been "greatly strengthened and issued with arms."

The Socialist Party was organising a huge counter demonstration, calling on the people to "keep off the streets." The Austrian Ministry of the Interior warned today that if the Communists tried to use violence in their demonstration, "they will be made to feel the full impact of the law."—Reuter.

## Strang To Visit Middle East

London, May 17.—The permanent head of the British Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will leave soon on a tour of the Middle East. It was officially announced today.

Sir William, who made a tour of Far Eastern countries in January and February, wants to acquaint himself with conditions and current problems in the Arab countries and discuss them with British representatives on the spot.

He will start at Tripoli, then go to Benghazi, and Cairo, where he will explore the possibility of resuming the Anglo-Egyptian treaty talks. He will then direct his attention toward the troublesome Palestinian scene.

After visiting Britain's principal ally in the Middle East—King Abdullah of Transjordan—Sir William will go to Jerusalem, then to Tel-Aviv. Thus he will be the first high British Government official to visit the Jewish state.

The question of the Arab refugees and the circumstances under which British recognition can be granted to Israel will be problems which Sir William will discuss during that part of the trip.

From Israel he will go to the Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, and then to the Bahrain Islands. The trip will end at Teheran, where Sir William might want to examine the degree of Russian pressure to which Persia is exposed, as well as the progress achieved in negotiations between the Persian government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, in which Britain is a major shareholder.—United Press.

## MAY MERGE WITH INDIA

Chandernagore, May 17.—The French Government has decided that Chandernagore, a French settlement about 20 miles north of Calcutta, should hold a referendum on June 10 to decide whether to merge with India or not.

The Administrator of Chandernagore informed the President of the Municipal Assembly of this today.

Last month, the Chandernagore Municipal Assembly urged the Governments of France and India to effect its union with India without a referendum, but added that should France be unwilling to waive the referendum, June 10 should be fixed as the date for holding it.

At an open session of a general assembly of Municipal Councilors of the four French settlements in South India, which was held last March, it was decided to hold similar referendums for these areas. Chandernagore has a population of about 40,000.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

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## QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

## NAVY BEATS RAF BY THE ODD GOAL IN SEVEN

By "STICKS"

At King's Park last evening, the Navy, fielding a weakened team due to the absence of both Matthewson and Aitken, made a surprising recovery in the second half to beat the RAF by four goals to three after being one goal in arrears at half time. The RAF too, fielded two new comers, Morris at right-half and Watt at left-wing.

This was the Navy's last game in the Quadrangular Tournament and they now stand with three points to their credit, one win, one draw and one game lost, the latter to the Civilians in their first match of the series.

The standard of hockey put up by the Navy was not high. They attained their victory by sheer hard work and the will to win. The RAF on the other hand, played good, sound hockey and were unfortunate to lose. Without a doubt they would have had a substantial lead in the first half had their centre-forward distributed the ball.

The Navy pressed from the opening bully, but met stern opposition from Doyle and Wilson, the RAF backs, who cleared in fine style out to the halves, where they turned their forwards away. They pressed relentlessly and eventually Connolly netted their first goal with a hard ground shot from just inside the circle.

On the resumption of play the Navy again took up the attack and the RAF left-back in attempting to clear gave "sticks", which incurred the award of a penalty corner. However the Navy failed to take advantage of their opportunity and the ball went loose. The RAF forwards, ever ready, took up the attack again. Haig, sound in defence and tireless in attack was outstanding for the Navy but he lacked support from both his halves and backs whose exhibition was disappointing after their display against the Army last week.

Rowlands played his usual brilliant game in goal. On occasions he brought off saves bordering on the miraculous. The RAF's second goal was netted by Cody who followed up and took advantage of a rebound off the goal's pads by sending in a fast rising shot before the goalie could reposition himself.

After nineteen minutes play, Morrison, the Navy left-winger, netted the first goal for his side when he took a shot from a very acute angle which completely deceived the RAF goalkeeper.

The standard of play, from then onwards improved, and became more interesting. Shortly afterwards, Clarke, the Navy left-back, conceded a penalty bully, to Connolly for obstruction.

Clarke gained possession of the ball from the bully but failed to clear it completely. Connolly in his haste to win possession stumbled over the ball and so lost his advantage.

**SECOND HALF**  
On the resumption of play the Navy improved considerably and by keeping the ball constantly on the move with long open passes they upset the RAF defence for a while.

During this period the Navy forwards suddenly seemed to spring to life and quick thrusts by Eberle brought its reward when he netted from a through pass from Perry to bring the score to 2-2.

The equalising goal spurred on the RAF forwards to greater effort but they met with opposition than hitherto from the Navy backs, who imbued by their forwards' success, had settled down and were clearing clean and hard up-field.

As a result of this the forwards went into the attack and in quick succession the Navy netted two further goals, the first by Perry who netted from a rebound from the goal's pads and the second by Eberle who scored from a short pass from Perry after he had taken it through the defence from the recommencing bully.

Temporarily the RAF relaxed as if to get their wind, but not for long. They returned to the attack more determined than ever to make up their lapse and in the 20th minute of the game Connolly scored their third goal when he followed up and beat the goalie to the ball and sent it into an open goal.

Individually the RAF halves did not shine except for Haines, but collectively they played good sound hockey throughout. Doyle outshone Wilson at back. Both were particularly good in the loose, but tended to lack confidence when called upon to defend a determined attack.

The RAF goalkeeper, a comparative newcomer to the team, was not outstanding but shows definite promise.

The match throughout was played in fine spirit, keen and clean though at times boisterous.

## THE TEAMS

The teams were:  
Navy—Rowlands, Clarke,

Mallowa; Nixon, Haig, Duce; O'Neill, Eberle, Perry, Duff and Morrison.

RAF Gray; Doyle, Wilson; Morris, Jordan, Haines; Robinson, Heptonstall, Connolly, Coady, and Watt.

## NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR

## Thunderstorm Breaks Up Game With Leicester

Leicester, May 17.—Frank Prentice won an exciting race with a thunderstorm today and became the second century-maker against the New Zealanders this season.

In the hour and a quarter's play possible at Grace Road, Leicester, he took his score from 44 to 104, his total time being two hours 25 minutes.

When the storm broke and flooded the pitch it was decided to abandon the match as a draw. The final scores were: New Zealanders 430; Leicester-shire 119 and 207 for one wicket.

G. Lester, who was also not out last night, took his score to 70 not out, and both batsmen played confidently on a drying pitch despite frequent bowling changes.

The Leicester-Lester unbeaten stand of 183 in 15 minutes for the second wicket demonstrated that the tourists' slow bowling was often inaccurate and liable to severe punishment.

Prentice's 104 included 11 fours, his best strokes being the pull and the on-drive. W. A. Hadlee, the New Zealand captain, tried seven bowlers in the first, but they could make little impression on Prentice and Lester.

A start was made just before 2 o'clock and off the fourth ball from Cowie, Prentice raised the second wicket partnership to 100 in 82 minutes.

**NOT WORRIED**  
On a slowly drying pitch the New Zealand captain introduced his spin bowlers, Rabone and Sutcliffe, but the batsmen were not worried and took the score along steadily.

Rabone stopped play just after 3 p.m. and the match was abandoned.

Prentice, who hit 11 fours in one of the fastest scoring spells of his career, made his century just in time. When he had made 104 and the total stood at 207 a heavy thunderstorm broke over the ground and the match was abandoned as a draw.

The unbroken second wicket added 103. Prentice reached his century out of 105 in 145 minutes.

In the hour and a quarter's play today, Lester kept the other end going while Prentice did most of the scoring.—Reuter.

## COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 17.—Rain interfered with several of the County cricket matches today, robbing sides in two games of the chance of taking first innings points.

A couple of easy victories were recorded, however, in matches which could be played to a finish.

Hampshire were all out for 50—the lowest total of the season—in losing by an innings to Surrey.

Caught on a pitch damaged by overnight rain, they were powerless, and their last nine wickets fell in two hours and a quarter for 51 runs. The second wicket pair, McCorrell and Higgs, put on 24, but otherwise the resistance was negligible.

Rain robbed the Champions, Glamorgan, of the chance of getting points against Warwickshire, the match being abandoned at lunch when pools of water lay on the pitch. Gloucester-

shire were all out for 50—the lowest total of the season—in losing by an innings to Surrey.

Caught on a pitch damaged by overnight rain, they were powerless, and their last nine wickets fell in two hours and a quarter for 51 runs. The second wicket pair, McCorrell and Higgs, put on 24, but otherwise the resistance was negligible.

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## "MR. SHORTSTOP"



Honus Wagner, baseball's "Flying Dutchman," observes his 75th birthday anniversary by testing a couple of bats by his fire-side in Carnegie, Pa. Wagner, who retired after a 21-year Major League career in 1917, continues this year as scout and coach for his beloved Pittsburgh Pirates.—AP Wirephoto.

## FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

## IT'S ONLY A DREAM, MR. SOLOMONS

We all like to day-dream occasionally. King Solomons is no exception. For two years now he has puffed smoke rings and dreamed that one day he would promote a battle for the world's heavyweight title beneath London skies.

The day Joe Louis retired, King Cod abandoned a pair of kippers in order to wrap up a fight upon which he himself has stuck a world championship label. Furthermore, his dreams have run amok, and he is talking of taking over Hyde Park, building a bowl to take 150,000, with 50,000 tickets at 5s., 40,000 at 10s., and the rest ranging up to 10 guineas.

Wakes up, beautiful dreamer! There ain't gonna be no fight in Hyde Park. Why? Because the Ministry of Works, who have custody of the royal parks, forbid anyone from making money in them. That ban applies even

if a proportion of profits goes to the National Playing Fields fund, as Solomons proposes.

Certainly Parliament is not going to pass an Act in order that Mister Boxing can realise his Hyde Park dream. Personally, I can't see what's wrong with Wembley Stadium or White City—or Alexandra Park.

**LAUGHABLE**  
The Solomons dream is altogether fantastic, because while the European Boxing Association and the British Boxing Board of Control are the only bodies who will recognise a fight between Lee Savold and the winner of Mills and Woodcock as a world heavyweight championship, you'll pardon my girlish laughter.

Woodcock was flattened by Mauriello, massacred by Bakshi, and would have been pulverised by Savold. Yet here he is again being considered as a contender for the world title.

Savold v. Mills or Woodcock, even wrapped in a parcel and tied up in pretty ribbons, cannot be sold to "sane" folk as a world title fight. At the best you can call it a championship eliminator.

Remember our board decided before the war that Joe Louis was no longer world heavy weight champion?

Remember they decided the Harvey-McAvoy clash at White City was for the world light-heavyweight title? Remember they took away Jackie Paterson's world fly-weight title and refused him the right to appeal until he beat them in court?

All these decisions were outrageous.

**LOUIS IS RIGHT**  
You might say Solomons has much right to take a Savold-Mills or Savold-Woodcock clash as a world championship class fight. He has to nominate two coloured men, Walcott and Charles, to battle for his vacant title. But having seen these two coloured fighters I must confess each has the bearing of Savold, Mills, and Woodcock.

So honest-minded sportsmen must content themselves with recognising Walcott or Charles as the new world champion, and to name the winner of the Mills-Woodcock-Savold triangle as No. 1 challenger.

Truth of the matter is that when great champions like Jeffries, Tunney, and now Louis retire undefeated, all that is left is the heavy-weight scrap heap. After Jeffries, they had to wait three years for Jack Johnson. After Tunney, Louis was nine years coming to the throne. How many years will we have to wait for a champion of any class?

I suppose some fellow will start searching for a "White Hope." But I'd sooner take a slow boat to China. And I'm not looking for a Yellow Hope! —(London Express Service)

**Universities Beat The AAA**  
Cambridge, England, May 18.—A combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities track and field team beat the Amateur Athletic Association 82 points to 47 last night.

The two Universities are sending a "joint" team to the United States to race against Princeton and Cornell on June 4 and Harvard and Yale on June 21.—Associated Press.

## Home Turf Favourites

## NO. 6: ROYAL TARA

Bay-horse by Mieuxce out of Scotch Gold (Colorado).  
Owner, Mr. D. Morris; trainer, J. Beary.

The public love a good, consistent horse, and Royal Tara fully earned his place in the general esteem by his feats last season.

It is unusual to find a horse improve so much at five years old, but Royal Tara maintained his improvement all through 1948.

John Beary, who has had him since he was a yearling, considers that he is better now than at any previous time in his career.

Like most of the Mieuxce breed, Royal Tara does not relish hard ground, especially not in the initial stages of being made fit.

The dry summer of 1947 caused him to lose his form after winning the Kempton "Jubilee".

His finest efforts last season were in defeat. The Cambridge-shire title eluded him, and he followed that with another second, beaten a head, under 9st. 7lb. in the Liverpool Autumn Cup.

Stable plans for the Lincolnshire Handicap, in which he finished seventh last year when not in such good trim as he is now, are not yet definite. He will, however, figure among the acceptances.

The Newbury Spring Cup and a third Kempton "Jubilee" are other early items on the 1949 agenda, and I know that Mr. Dave Morris is keen to tackle the "cracks" of France and England in one of the middle-distance championship events.

It is not easy to forecast how he would acquit himself in this class, but he is such a dog-fighter that he will never be readily beaten.

Clive Prahan

London Express Service

## DAVIS CUP

## Czechs Beat Britain 4-1

London, May 17.—Czechoslovakia beat Britain by four matches to one in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup tie, which was continued at Wimbledon today.

Czechoslovakia held a decisive three-nil lead yesterday and each country won a singles match today.

Today's results were: Drobny beat Feh 6-3, 6-0, 6-3; Mottram beat Cernik 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

## Chile Through

Birmingham, May 17.—Chile today eliminated Egypt from the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup Tournament by three matches to two when Ricardo Balbiers of Chile won the remaining singles match of the tournament. The Chilean star beat Egypt's Mar-Coen 2-6, 6-4, 8-5, 6-1.—United Press.

## Japanese Hopes

Melbourne, May 17.—Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, has written to the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, asking for the Australian Government's opinion on applications for Japan and Germany for re-affiliation to the International Federation.

Sir Norman's action followed a request from the Japanese tennis authorities asking Australia to support Japan's effort to re-join the International Federation.

A meeting of the Council of the I.T.A. of Australia that he thought the matter was beyond the jurisdiction of the Australian Association.—Reuter.

## Baseball Scores

New York, May 17.—Today's Major League baseball scores were:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Chicago 4, Boston 0.  
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 0.  
New York 3, St. Louis 0.  
Washington 3, Cleveland 0.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 4.  
Chicago 5, St. Louis 0.  
Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 2.  
Cubs 3, Detroit 0.  
Hofstadter, Lade, c; Scheffing—United Press.

## Basketball Tourney

Hall Bulls, May 18.—Holland defeated Syria 40-37, in the European Basketball Championship last night.

Half-time scores: Holland 22, Syria 21.—Associated Press.

## AN INVASION MEETS RESISTANCE

## TELEVISION AND AMERICAN SPORT

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Television will be the biggest problem for sports in the USA in 1949.

Promoters of both amateur and professional sports events are worried about television because they do not know whether it will help or hinder the box office receipts.

Television officials are just as puzzled—they cannot say definitely whether their new means of communication and entertainment will be an eventual boon to the sports it affects.

Some acts are certain. Attendance at boxing shows televised in New York dropped sharply in the latter part of 1948 as more and more sets went into homes. And minor league baseball at Newark and Jersey City in the New York area, suffered a serious slump at the gate. Both boxing and baseball blamed this drop on television, but impartial observers suggested that other things enter the picture.

The rising cost of living—of food, clothing, rent and heat—cut into the money available to each family for sports and entertainment. Nor could the promoters say that they always had first-rate attractions. Many of the small-club fights were very bad, and neither Newark nor Jersey City had a good baseball team.

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**BEGINNING OF THE END**  
Nonetheless, Max Joss, promoter at the Brooklyn Broadway Arena, said that 1948 was "the beginning of the end for small-club boxing" due to television. He said people would stay home in 1949 and watch big-game matches free via television. In baseball, Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League which includes Newark and Jersey City, was bitter at television.

"It isn't like radio, which stimulated interest in baseball," he said. "Television satisfies the interest."

But horse-racing found television beneficial to its gate, and so did the roller skate derby in New York.

College football made television its chief subject for discussion. William Bingham of the eastern college conference opposed video.

**MAY HURT GATE**  
"If one big game is televised coast-to-coast on a Saturday afternoon it will hurt the gate of every other game in the nation," he said. "And especially it will hurt sales of the cheaper seats in the end zones. Who will pay three dollars for an end zone seat when a perfect picture can be seen free on television?"

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**Clubhouse To Be Opened**  
Of considerable interest to Hongkong's hunters will be the formal opening of the Hongkong Gun Club and its Shooting Ground at Kwai Chung (7-mile Castle Peak Road) at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

The programme on the opening day includes an exhibition of game guns, opening address by the President (Dr. Li Shu-fan) with a reply for the guests by A. Colson, Brasier-Creagh, a skeet shoot by two teams and junior exhibition shoot.

Officials of the Club are: President, Dr. Li Shu-fan; Vice-President, Mr. E. Landau; Secretary, Mr. Wong Bor; Treasurer, Mr. William K. Y. Eu; Field Captain, Mr. Shui Shun-nick; and the following committee members: Messrs. W. Lambert Kwok, J.C.S. Ribeiro and Henry Shih.

**LEAGUE BOWLS**  
The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their league matches on Saturday.

First team versus PRC (away): J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, A. H. Brown, E. P. S. Baker, F. A. Atkins, G. E. P. Thompson, W. C. Simpson, L. Sykes (skip); J. G. Robertson, J. Gadd, J. Fraser, A. J. Hall (skip).

Second team versus CCC (away): J. A. L. Pearson, J. Robey, D. Trail, J. Glenney (skip); R. J. Wigninton, P. Hughes, A. Hutton, V. Chittenden (skip); F. A. Glendon, J. Crichton, R. Morrison, J. G. Meyer (skip).

Third team versus Rascals (home): A. P. Weir, T. P. Rivie, A. Bailey, L. E. Lammert (skip); R. H. Brown, E. P. S. Baker, A. Dodd, H. H. Rose (skip); W. Greaves, I. Urquhart, T. Wren, R. J. Crichton (skip).

The following will represent the HKERC against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, May 29, at 4 p.m.: E. Poulton, F. Hodley, R. Bonch, J. K. Siani, R. H. Brown, L. Sykes, J. G. Robertson, R. C. Butler, J. Gadd, J. O. Skokos, J. P. Lunny, G. Meyer.

**KCC**  
The following will represent KCC v. Philippine Club on Friday, May 20, at KCC on Friday, May 20, at 4 p.m.: J. G. Robertson, J. Gadd, J. Fraser, A. J. Hall (skip); R. J. Wigninton, P. Hughes, A. Hutton, V. Chittenden (skip); F. A. Glendon, J. Crichton, R. Morrison, J. G. Meyer (skip).

**BOUT POSTPONED**  
Los Angeles, May 17.—The world championship fight between lightweight title holder Ike Williams and Enrique Bonafant has been postponed indefinitely because of Williams' shoulder injury. Clayton Frye, chief inspector for the California Athletic Commission, said yesterday.

The fight was scheduled for May 20.

Dr. Francisco Bravo said, "The shoulder has been causing enough trouble to warrant a lay-off of six weeks to two months." He described the accident as a result of the right shoulder joint at the same shoulder which was hurt a few weeks before the champion dropped a notable decision to Kid Gavilan in New York City last August.—Associated Press.

## Mister Conquest



—London Express Service







## Armistice Parleys Are Again Held Up

Tel-Aviv, May 17.—The Israel-Syrian armistice negotiations being held in Mishmar Hayarden near the Israel-Syrian frontier have been suspended. This is due to a disagreement about the demarcation lines for the armistice period.

The suspension was officially confirmed by an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman today, who said new proposals are now expected from the Acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

On Wednesday, Israel and Syrian officers will meet, however, to exchange prisoners of war, he added.

An earlier United Nations proposal for a Syrian-Israel armistice, it was learned here, foresees a broad no-man's-land in the disputed frontier area partly on Jewish territory.

Jewish sources contended the creation of such a no-man's-land would re-establish war conditions in the area where a normal civil administration is already working.

### COMPROMISE REJECTED

The Israeli may, however, have agreed on such a compromise solution, it was learned, if it would have automatically implied the withdrawal of all Syrian forces beyond the Syrian-Israel international boundary.

This, however, it was stated here, was rejected by the Syrians who insisted on having at least military outposts in the disputed frontier area, including a small part of Israel.

Today's new development is seemingly not causing nervousness here and it is apparently not believed that the temporary armistice negotiations will break down, thus increasing the possibility of reopening armed conflict although the tone and reporting of several Middle-East Arab radio stations in the last few days has been less conciliatory and more violent than in the past months.

Later today, an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman said to the Associated Press "no Israel-Syrian armistice agreement of any sort will be signed as long as it will leave any single soldier on any spot on the Israeli side of the border."—Associated Press.

## Oil Company Swindled

Bucharest, May 17.—Alleged illegal transactions, involving two million Swiss francs (about £115,270), which were carried out in 1945 to 1947, tried to seize the Rumanian oil company, Creditul Minier, are being investigated here.

The police authorities allege that M. Anton Dumitriu, the sole administrator of the company from 1945 to 1947, tried to seize the foreign assets of the company with the complicity of two industrialists, M. Radu Xenopol and M. George Littmann.

The three men were stated to have set up three fictitious companies, in Vaduz, capital of Lichtenstein, to serve as a means of depriving the Creditul Minier of nearly two million Swiss francs, the Rumanian news agency reported.

The agency added that M. Radu Xenopol was not tried for illegally hoarding dollars. It described M. Littmann as a former owner of the casino at the Rumanian resort of Sinalea.—Reuter.

## Sardines By The Million For Britons

London, May 17.—The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, announced today that Britain is to buy 50,000,000 tins of sardines from French Morocco and 100,000,000 tins from Portugal.

As the contract amounts were delivered they would perceptibly increase sardine supplies in British ships from next autumn, he said.—Reuter.

## Children Join In Berlin Celebration



ALL THE AVERAGE BRITON WANTS IS—

## Beef And Ale, Fish And Chips

### HEATED SPEECH BY POLISH UN DELEGATE

Flushing Meadows, New York, May 17.—All the average Briton wants is "beef and ale; fish and chips." He doesn't give a damn for Cyrenaica.

This was stated today by M. Jan Drohojowski, Polish delegate, when the U.N. General Assembly returned to the debate this afternoon on the future of Italy's pre-war colonies.

The average Briton, Drohojowski added, is merely told he must be subservient to the purposes and aims of United States imperialism. "And these are too obvious to need restating."

M. Drohojowski accused Britain and the United States of sabotaging the recent Havana Conference on colonial possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

"We are told that the British Exchequer is spending money on colonial experiments with the remnants of the British Empire," he said. "I remember quite well such statements regarding relief in the British colonies. I am just wondering if the British taxpayers' money is just spent for a happy cohabitation with the Mayas out there."

"Just for the sake of protecting this population and developing them the crew of HMS Sheffield landed troops there."

"We also know that the United Kingdom government and their protectors in Washington were sabotaging the Havana conference designed to end one and for all European colonial possessions in the Western Hemisphere."

**STAB IN BACK**  
Put before the Assembly was a resolution approved by the 59 Nation Political Committee which closely followed the terms of the Anglo-Italian agreement on the colonies reached in London ten days ago.

The Polish delegate Jan Drohojowski opened the debate by attacking this agreement as a "stab in the back of our organization."

"This, he said, was an example of a return to the power politics of the League of Nations and the United Nations."

Drohojowski said the London negotiations outside the United Nations constituted a flagrant breach of faith and declared that Britain violated her obligations both under the Italian Peace Treaty and the U.N. Charter.

The bitter fight over a British and Italian plan to divide Italy's pre-war colonies threatened to delay the adjournment of the Spring session of the United Nations Assembly until Wednesday.

"U.N. officials had hoped that the colonies question could be disposed of sometime last night, but by late afternoon a long

list of speakers still remained to be heard.

As a result, arrangements were made for a meeting this morning if necessary.

A final decision on the adjournment depended on the length of speeches still to be delivered.

**BITTER OPPOSITION**  
The Anglo-Italian plan struck bitter opposition from the Soviet bloc and Arab countries particularly.

The Russian, Mr. Jakob Malik, charged that Britain and the U.S. made a deal to make sure that they maintained control of the former Italian colonies "for strategic and military purposes."

The Ethiopian Emperor, Haile Selassie, sent a message to the Assembly delegates asking them to return Eritrea to Ethiopia.

The Emperor's telegram said: "The only form of independence for Eritrea is reunion with Ethiopia. In asking for the return of Eritrea, Ethiopia is no more seeking to annex peoples and territories which do not belong to her than was France after the first World War when asking for the return of Alsace Lorraine, or Greece when asking for the return of the Dodecanese. We pray God the decision you are about to take at this historic moment for Ethiopia be a just one."—Associated Press.

## General Ritchie In England

London, May 17.—General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, arrived at London Airport today to attend "Exercise Britannia."

He would make no comment about the Far Eastern situation.

He was met at the Airport by Major General Harold Redman, his former Chief of Staff in Singapore.

"Exercise Britannia" will take the form of a great study by British senior officials of the whole problem of civil defence.

It will be attended by the heads of the three Services, in Britain and the Dominions, and by representatives of heavily-bombarded cities.—Reuter.

## Pakistan's New Light Industries

Karachi, May 17.—Sporting shotguns, surgical, scientific and mathematical instruments and electrical equipment are some of the items to be manufactured under a new scheme to develop Pakistan's light engineering industries.

The Industries Advisory Committee of the Pakistan government has decided on this measure and also recommended the removal of duty on the imports of necessary raw material.

Industrialists assured the government that they will be able to manufacture and export these goods. In the near future.—Associated Press.

Schoolchildren join in one of the biggest peace time celebrations in Berlin's history as the city prepared for the lifting of the Russian blockade. The sign the youngsters are displaying says "blockade free."—AP Picture.

## Foresees Final Victory

### Greek Minister Of War Confident

London, May 17.—The Greek Minister of War, M. Panayotis Kanellopoulos, today foresaw a final victory over the guerrilla forces this year.

Speaking at Salonika in the course of his tour of Northern Greece, he said: "The whole of Greece will quickly be cleared of the guerrillas who are infesting the different areas."

The Government will then concentrate on cleaning up the frontier regions."

He ruled out any idea of a compromise. "Negotiations are being conducted by force of arms," he declared. "By arms alone the Greek problem will be solved."

**Greek Government troops** inflicted about 500 casualties, including 192 killed, on the rebel forces throughout the country yesterday, according to today's Greek Staff communiqué.

The guerrilla brigades were being driven from their strong positions in the Agrafio Heights in Central Greece.

The communiqué added that the rebel High Command in Central Greece, said to be commanded by Constantin Karakhorghis, former editor of the Communist newspaper Rizospastis, had been broken up.

Greek Government troops, supported by tanks counter-attacking in the Mount Vitis area west of Florina, near where the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers meet, killed 63 rebels, captured 129, and occupied a height, the communiqué added.

**TYPHOID VICTIMS**  
Among the rebels who surrendered after a two-day fight in the Lake Mezerus region, 10 were suffering from typhoid.

The United Nations Balkan Commission, presided over by the chief British delegate, Sir Horace Seymour, met today to hear a report from M. Constantin Georgacopoulos, President of the Greek Red Cross, on the refugee situation in Greece.

The report, which was quoted by the Athens news agency, said that 700,000 refugees were now in Greece, 222,000 in Macedonia alone. Winter had undermined their health and the threat of typhus was greater than ever.

M. Georgacopoulos said that the present amount of relief was insufficient and urged the Commission to intercede with the United Nations on behalf of the refugees.

Mr. G. Leet, the social welfare representative of the United Nations in Greece, said that it was impossible for the Greek Government to shoulder such a heavy task as the care of the refugees.—Reuter.

# RUSSIA FEARS PUBLIC OPINION SAYS CLAY

## Agreement Between Soviets And Social Democrats Unlikely

Washington, May 17.—General Lucius Clay told a press conference today that he did not believe there would ever be agreement between the German Social Democratic Party and the Russians.

General Clay told reporters gathered at the Pentagon that he did not think Russia would risk the unfavourable public reaction from the remainder of the world that would follow if the Berlin blockade were put on again.

He said fear of war in Western Europe was much less acute than two years ago. The danger was lessened sharply by the United States' action in keeping its occupation troops in Germany and by the Berlin airlift, European recovery programme and North Atlantic Pact, he added.

He also said the Russians were much more concerned about public opinion than Americans here seemed to believe.

General Clay acknowledged that there had been a meeting between the German Communist and the Western Democrats, but he said the Reds had failed in their attempt to discourage the formation of a Western German government.

He said this was made clear by the action of the Bonn constitutional convention.

**TROOPS MUST STAY**  
General Clay stated that he would be very worried if the United States' occupation troops were withdrawn from Germany at present. He said troops must remain there until a stable Europe had been achieved.

He said it was not necessary for them to remain in the same numbers and at the same places as at present, but their continued presence was basic to the accomplishment of the United States' objectives there.

If an alliance of Germany with the Soviet Union should ever occur, he added, it would be because the Western powers were unwilling to accept Germany back in the community of nations. This acceptance should not necessarily be immediate.

General Clay emphasised that the Germans must ultimately be allowed to work their way back into the society of nations, whether as a united country or as Western Germany alone.

He said the Western world might be more willing to accept Western Germany by herself than a united Germany of 65,000,000 people.

General Clay told the conference Russia had organised a German police force of between 100,000 and 200,000 in Eastern Germany. He said it had been rumoured they had some heavy military equipment, but all evidence available indicated they were lightly armed.

He added that this force appeared to be lessening its allegiance to the Russians because of the fear that the German people might retaliate against them.

**HERO'S WELCOME**  
General Clay returned home earlier today to a hero's welcome. The military plane bearing him home to retirement touched down at Washington National Airport at 10.14 a.m. daylight time.

Three artillery pieces boomed out a 17-gun salute in General Clay's honour. He was greeted by the two Army sons, Lieut-Colonel Lucius D. Clay, Jr., and Lieut-Colonel Frank Clay.

The party drove to the White House, where President and Mrs. Truman were waiting to honour General Clay at a reception on the lawn. Congress, too, planned to pay honours to the man who, as a spectator at the airport put it, "made the Russians holler uncle."

General Clay will soon go on the inactive list as a four-star general. He has said he wants to go to Georgia, his home state.

**JOB WELL DONE**  
In greeting General Clay, Mr. Johnson said, "General Clay, for the President, for all the members of the armed services and, most important, for all the American people, we say your job is well done and welcome you home for a well-earned rest. God bless you and God keep you."

General Clay replied: "I am so happy and so overwhelmed at this reception that I find it very difficult to express myself. I am grateful indeed, from the bottom of my heart."

An honour guard from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines was drawn up on the taxi strip during the brief but colourful welcome. A Marine band played martial airs.

## POCKET CARTOON



## New British Merchant Fleet

### Prewar Strength In 18 Months' Time

Douglas, Isle of Man, May 17.—The one million tons of shipping needed to bring the British and colonial merchant fleet up to its prewar strength of 17,400,000 tons was expected to be completed in the next 12 or 18 months, Mr. Alfred Barnes, the Transport Minister, said today.

Mr. Barnes, speaking at the National Union of Seamen's Conference here, described the Mercantile Marine as "a barometer of trade." The trends in British shipping were a guide to the country's economic affairs, he added.

Because British trade was linked with world resources, wherever trouble arose in the world, Britain was invariably involved.

British shipping losses during the war were greater than those of all the rest of the Allies put together and, despite wartime building, Britain emerged with a deficiency of about four million gross tons on its prewar strength.

"If every person, industry and organisation in this country had a record like the seafarers and ship-builders, we should pull out of our economic difficulties very quickly," Mr. Barnes added in tribute to the industry's recovery.

He said that it was to Britain's advantage to press for international shipping standards because "we never fear competition." But in pursuing ideals Britain must not go to the extent of handicapping itself in the condition of confusion which was part of the aftermath of war.—Reuter.

**LAND WILL RETURN**  
The land beyond those rivers is German land. That land will return to us one day. Let us never lose faith in that.

"There has been talk of a withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany. In that case the heavily armed Eastern zone police force must go first."

Dr. Adenauer continued, "The demands we Germans have to present to the Paris conference will be in the common interest of Europe."

"If the Marshall Plan ends one day and it cannot last forever—Germany will be unable to exist separately.

"European civilisation can only be saved if we find a common path with the other peoples of Europe. If Europe continues to wound herself, she will fall victim to Communism and become an appendage of Asia."

"Another war between France and Germany is unthinkable. With present day weapons, if those Frenchmen who still fear Germany were to come here amongst us, they would see that we do not dream of new conflict."

"I hope that Strasbourg, the capital of the European Union, will become a symbol of the understanding between our two peoples," Dr. Adenauer said.—Reuter.

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